

DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL OFFICE 2400 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-2400

April 25, 2005

Dear Family Member:

It pleases me to announce that the Department of Defense will again host the annual government briefings for Korea/Cold War families in Arlington, Virginia, October 26 – 28, 2005.

We postponed the briefings, initially scheduled for May 2005, because our hotel reneged on its contract with us. We subsequently concluded a contract to hold the annual government briefings at the DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Last year, several of you suggested that we move our venue "closer in," so we hope this helps.

At the briefings we will tell you what the U.S. Government has done during the past year to achieve the fullest possible accounting of our missing service-members. This year we have expanded our agenda by one day to afford you additional opportunities to review your case files and ask questions without missing any of the briefings.

As in past years, you will have the opportunity to meet with government officials whose expertise includes: foreign government negotiations; policy; remains recovery operations and identification; DNA science; research methodologies; and intelligence analysis. The annual government briefings also will give you the opportunity to meet with other families who share your unique sacrifices and hardships.

You do not need to stay at the DoubleTree to attend the government briefings. We have attached a list of other hotels in the local area for your consideration. A map of Crystal City is also included for your reference. We will provide handicapped-accessible shuttle bus transportation between the DoubleTree, the Crystal City Metro stop, and several of the hotels within the local area to facilitate your attendance.

As the date for the event approaches, your casualty office will contact you with additional details on how to register. I look forward to seeing you at what I assure you will be an informative and worthwhile event.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Jennings

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Affairs

2 Enclosures



Crystal City Hotels (Located in Crystal City or vicinity, Arlington County)

Best Western* (next to Comfort Inn)

2480 S. Glebe Rd.
Arlington

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703-979-4400

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Courtyard by Marriott 1-800-350-5708 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Crowne Plaza* 703-416-1600

1489 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Doubletree (Government Briefings in this hotel: Rate:\$189) 703-416-4100 300 Army Navy Drive

Crystal City

Embassy Suites 703-979-9799

1300 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Hilton at National Airport 703-418-6800

2650 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Marriott Crystal City 1-800-350-5708

1999 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Marriott Crystal Gateway 1-800-350-5708

1700 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Sheraton 703-521-1900

900 South Ormes St.

Crystal City

Radisson Hotel Reagan National Airport 800-333-3333

2020 Jefferson Davis Highway

Crystal City

Note: Starred * hotels above may have the lowest sleeping room rates in the Crystal City area. Discounted rates are often found on various internet web sites. Reminder: not all hotels use the same internet site. Example web sites to explore, but not limited to: Expedia.com, Hotels.com, Travelocity.com, Orbitz.com. Please note, due to the traditionally large number of visitors to this area during October, recommend you make reservations as soon as possible. If need be, you can cancel them (for most hotels the period is 48 hours in advance) and you won't be charged.

CRYSTAL CITY

Arlington, Virginia

For Information Call 703-922-INFO Virginia Railway Express Crystal Gateway North The Underground North 400 Army Navy Dr. South Waterpark Towers Crystal City Station Double Tree Hotel 416-4100 Bellavista Waterpark **Embassy Suites** The Plaza Shops 979-9799 Cateria Americana Hotel Crystal Park Condominium 979-3772 Crystal Towers Hampton Apartments 920-5220 RUTH'S Holiday Inn Crystal 416-1600 Crystal Towers South Crystal Gateway Marriott 920-3230 **USAir Ticket** Office (Tista) Sheraton Crystal City Hotel Century Bldg. 486-1111 Heitman Bldg. Crystal City Marriott 413-5500 Days Inn Overpass to National Airport 920-8600 National Center 3 Buchanan Apartments and Mall 418-3700 National Center 2 National Center 1 Hilton 418-6800 Howard Johnson's Arlington Trolley Route 684-7200 Trolley Stops Hyatt Regency 418-1234 Climate Controlled Pedestrian Walkways Courtyard by Marriott Handicapped Access 549-3434 Retail Parking Crystal Loop Arlington Trolley Hours of Operation Crystal Loop Hours of Operation 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Monday through Friday

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